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KING ASHUR-NASIR-PAL LIVED IN THE GRAND MANNER

Wonderful finds on the site of an Assyrian ruler's palace

A FASCINATING monument of the utmost archaeological importance has been unearthed during the third season of excavations on the site of the huge palace of King Ashur-nasir-pal the Second at Nimrud, in Iraq.

From the ninth to the seventh century B.C. Nimrud (or Calah, as it is known in the Old Testament) was the great military centre of the Near East; and King Ashur (883-859 B.C.), who wielded immense power and was a celebrated conqueror, spent the first five years of his reign refortifying and beautifying the city.

At the north entrance to the palace of this mighty Assyrian monarch of a remote age an imposing sandstone memorial of him has recently been discovered. It is inscribed on three sides, and on the fourth bears a portrait in relief of the king in his full ceremonial costume, wearing his royal mitre, and carrying his insignia of office.

ROYAL ACHIEVEMENT

The inscription on the monument is of supreme interest to the archaeologist, for it preserves a very full record of King Ashur's achievements in the early years of his reign. It tells of the building of his splendid palace, lists the country's principal gods, gives the names of conquered countries, and records the buildings and temples erected within the city, as well as a description of their ornaments.

All this is followed by an account of the various trees which the king caused to be planted in Nimrud, some of them rare specimens brought from distant countries, a description of the royal lion and elephant hunts, and a lengthy catalogue of all the different kinds of plants and animals that were to be found within the city walls.

THOUSANDS OF GUESTS

Most remarkable of all is the last passage of the inscription, telling of a huge feast given by King Ashur when the palace had been completed. All the inhabitants of Nimrud attended—no fewer than 69,574 people—and for ten days they were royally entertained. Ashur-nasir-pal the Second had the grand manner, and playing hosting to such a mighty assembly must have warmed his heart.

Among other items of interest which have been uncovered in the same courtyard are a number of elegant ivory plaques bearing engraved pictures of various animals, as well as processions of captives with their hands bound behind their backs. In the ruins of the king's great audience-hall have

been found sections of brightly-painted frescoes with spirited chariot scenes.

Traces of the domestic life of the vast palace came to light in one of the two huge chambers situated just outside the north entrance. It had obviously been used as a store-room, for in it were great clay storage jars which had once held barley and wheat. One of these jars was marked with its capacity—two "imeru" or "homers," a homer being the limit that an ass could carry.

A third very interesting room that has been excavated shows that the ancient Assyrians knew something of the principles of air-conditioning. In the walls were air-ducts to allow air to circulate freely. In niches let into the walls stood water-containers and in this way did King Ashur ensure a supply of cool, fresh water for himself and the other inhabitants of his palace.

HIGH JUMPS

The first world parachute contest will be held at Lescebled Aerodrome, Yugoslavia, from August 23-26. The competitions include three jumps to land in the centre of a 300-foot circle, a delayed opening jump from at least 6000 feet, and a jump into a lake followed by a swim of at least 100 yards.

Britain is represented by two well-known parachutists—Charles Thompson, of Ashington, Northumberland, and Major Terence Willans, of Denham, Bucks.

HE IS TIRED OF FLYING

Those of us who have never had a chance to pilot a plane cannot imagine ever growing tired of it, but that is how a distinguished Southern Rhodesian pilot feels after having flown two million miles, without an accident.

Captain Mike Pearce, Superintendent Flying of Central African Airways, has given up flying because he has "had enough of it." He has been piloting planes for over 20 years, and except for grazing a wing-tip in three or four forced landings, he has never damaged one. He went to Rhodesia in 1932 and flew Puss Moths, which then had no wireless and only simple instruments, and had to land on aerodromes which

no one would think of using today.

When Imperial Airways started an air mail service from Britain to Johannesburg, as long ago as 1932, the first plane became bogged down at Broken Hill. Off went Mike in a trusty Puss Moth to collect the mail from the stranded plane. Fitting the mail bags into his little Puss Moth was quite a task; "the plane was packed to the ceiling," he said, "and I was left crouching over the controls with mail resting on my shoulders."

Now this veteran of the skies says he has had enough; but we cannot help wondering how long he will remain content to stay on the ground.

PORPOISES ARE SOMETIMES CALLED FISH

The North Bay beach inspector at Scarborough was not aware that a porpoise is "royal" and belongs to the crown; and when a specimen five feet long was washed up on the sands recently he decided to have it removed.

He should have notified the Customs authorities. For the porpoise, like its fellow sea-mammal the whale, is legally classed with the sturgeon as a "royal fish," and theirs is the responsibility of protecting specimens and of notifying the British Museum.

So if you find a porpoise on the shore this summer holiday—or a whale, sturgeon, or dolphin—you know what to do.

ON HIS TOES

An Aberdonian dances a fling at a Highland gathering



DEPARTED GLORY

Sitting Bull would have sat up could he have seen some of his people arriving to take part in the film, Warbonnet, which is being made in the heart of the Sioux country, South Dakota. They turned up in sports clothes and up-to-date suits, and the Paramount Company had to send 300 Sioux costumes from Hollywood!

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EGYPT—PROBLEM CHILD

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

CIPHER officers of the Foreign Office, getting daily messages from Britain's Ambassadors all over the world, have been kept particularly busy in recent weeks translating reports of our affairs in Egypt.

Diplomats in Whitehall say, "If ever there was a problem child among the nations it is Egypt!" In far away Cairo the Egyptian ministers of state in their linen suits and plum tarbooshes, retort excitedly that Britain just does not understand them, and makes no real effort to do so.

King Farouk wants our troops in the Suez Canal zone to go. They protected his country during the war, and by treaty with Egypt it had been previously agreed they should remain—an essential defence force for this key-point in the world.

Again, Egypt wants her sovereignty over the Sudan to be recognised, and rejects Britain's demand that the Sudanese—for whom we have a responsibility—should be given the chance to choose their future for themselves.

On top of all this, for two years Egypt has stopped oil-ships going through the Suez Canal to Haifa in Palestine.

BROKEN PLEDGE

This was because of her quarrel with Israel, but it means that she has broken her pledge that the canal shall always be free to the world's ships.

It has angered a good many other nations as well as Britain, and caused the problem to be taken to the United Nations for discussion.

With some difficulty Britain has kept her temper, in the hope that the problem child may soon see reason and realise that everyone is not against her as she seems to think.

One trouble is that the Egyptians are quick to take offence. They are also very anxious to be regarded as the chief of the Arab nations.

The Egyptians began to tidy up their country. They had already started a five-year Development Plan, and educational reforms. They began, too, to train their army more thoroughly.

NEW METHODS UNPOPULAR

In this country of Egypt where everyone has to sleep in the afternoon because of the heat, new methods have not been looked upon very favourably.

Imagine a sentry outside Buckingham Palace putting his rifle down for a moment while he leaned against the gate and lit a cigarette. That was the sort of thing that happened in Egypt until recently.

It made Britain feel that these soldiers would hardly be very reliable in an emergency. So King Farouk's Government concentrated on national parades. It has meant that schemes for other reforms have been largely put on the shelf for the time being, and the new ardour has turned to the things that make the most show.

They succeeded in making their soldiers spick and span. Also they have adopted more and more Western methods in their offices and workshops, and English and

American ways of doing things.

What the Egyptians have done—and Britain makes no complaint of it—is to sort out what they want from us in the way of ideas and practical help from experts, much like anyone would look for bargains at a sales counter.

The Egyptians are among the best people in the world at making bargains. In the same way that they argue in their bazaars over the price of a length of silk or a kilo of sweet potatoes, their politicians argue over the rights of their country.

The result of it all is that Cairo and Alexandria have all the looks of a modern city with splendid shops, luxurious cars, and wide streets that any town in Britain or America could be proud of.

In the side-streets, however, and beyond them in the villages along

Festival Dancers



Two members of the International Ballet rehearse on the roof of the Festival Hall on London's South Bank.

the Nile, it is soon seen that the vast mass of the Egyptians are no further advanced than the people in this country were during Norman times.

Schools, reading, writing, free elections where people can vote without being terrorised, are not for them.

Fabulously wealthy merchants and owners of huge estates—reminders of the feudal barons of our own history—are the men who wield power. They are very rich, and the poor are very poor. But all of them are alike in their suspicion that foreigners want to cheat them of their rights.

Above all, Britain has been made the target of outbursts of anger—some of them real tantrums—which have disturbed our own statesmen.

The situation has made it all the more difficult to help Egypt into the position we should like her to take—that of a free and equal partner in the work of keeping peace in the Middle East.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

SILENCE has descended upon the Palace of Westminster, and only the echoes of recent debates are left to remind us that this has been one of the most momentous years in modern Parliamentary history.

Both Houses have "adjourned" (until October 16) so that, should any emergency arise, they can be recalled earlier. So while our M.P.s are enjoying a well-deserved break let us see what wisdom we can extract from recent utterances.

HERE is a nice one to tuck away for that essay on Democracy which all of us can expect to have to write sooner or later. (The definition is Lord Chorley's.)

Democracy is government by discussion.

WHAT makes people think of exactly the same saying at the same time, though they may be far apart?

Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, V.C. (on defence): Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

Mr. Champion (on agriculture): Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

The first was said in the Lords, the second in the Commons, on two unrelated subjects, on the same day at almost the same time. But (as Humpty Dumpty might have said) does it *prove* anything?

My impression is that the Member and the Minister thoroughly enjoyed mixing their metaphors in the following piece of dialogue:

Member: The Minister has blown his trumpet the whole afternoon, but he has not mentioned the line in which he has failed.

Minister: I have often heard of that red herring, but, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, it does not make any difference to the figures I have given.

SOME 450,000 American children listen regularly to broadcasts in nature study, I see from a recent debate here. As a result they have planted seven million trees in 214 school forests. It makes us all sound very small, doesn't it?

THE really intelligent teacher can do things besides teaching, and could even become a Member of the House of Commons, although when he got here he might find it very difficult to make a speech (Commander Maitland, Horncastle).

PEOPLE sometimes mix up the Lord Chancellor—the chief legal dignitary in the land—with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose main task is to keep the nation's accounts.

But there can be no doubt now. The present Lord Chancellor (Viscount Jowitt), who presides over the House of Lords, said reflectively in a debate on finance:

"It cannot be a pleasant job to be Chancellor of the Exchequer."

News From Everywhere

BADGERED

A blacksmith with a pair of tongs succeeded in removing a badger from a chimney at White Waltham, Berks, after an R.S.P.C.A. official, a veterinary surgeon, and six airmen had failed to coax it down.

Gifts of more than £7000 from the people of Australia have made possible the building of a new block at King's School, Canterbury, for music and art classes. King's School, Parramatta, near Sydney, was built by Bishop Broughton, an old King's man.

Brave Scout

The Bronze Cross, highest Scout award for gallantry, has been awarded posthumously to 13-year-old Harvey Stringer, of Middleton, Lancs. A non-swimmer, Harvey lost his life in trying to rescue another boy from the Rochdale Canal.

Through the generosity of the Pilgrim Trust, the British Museum has acquired a collection of the manuscripts, notebooks, and printed books of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Experts have begun working out details of a plan to double food production in New South Wales in the next five years.

COMPLEAT ANGLER

Ian Trapp, aged nine, with a halfpenny fishing hook on the end of a piece of string caught an 18-lb. skate at Hunter's Quay, on the Clyde.

After a lapse of more than 30 years Canterbury has appointed a Town Crier. He does not ring a bell before his announcements, but has a Town Sergeant with him to blow a blast on the city's historic Burghmote horn.

The rare distinction of being elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists at the age of 18 has been achieved by T. F. H. Oxley, of the King Edward School, Birmingham.

Tears and Sneezes

A 40-gallon drum of formalin on a lorry leaked all the way from Battersea to Hendon, leaving a trail of fumes which made pedestrians and motorists sneeze and weep until the roads had been sprayed.

Electric roller ironing machines, costing £550 each, are to be installed in the municipal wash-house at Salford, Lancs. Housewives will be able to use them by placing a penny in the slot.

The infant mortality rate in Victoria, Australia, in 1949-50 was the lowest in the State's history, and the lowest published figure in the world—21.89 per 1000 births.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

Portsmouth visitors who picked flowers from a park at Trowbridge, Wilts, sent £1 to the council.

A party of 40 English and Scottish schoolboys are touring Canada under the Rhodes Travel Scheme initiated by Mr. W. H. Rhodes, of Bradford. They are due back on August 30.

Six-year-old Joseph Werner, of Alton, Hants, dug up an almost perfect George III coin commemorating the king's recovery from a mental illness in 1788.

Scout kayak race

Two Scout canoe fixtures to remember are the kayak race on the Arun from Pulborough to Littlehampton on Sunday, August 19, and the Marlow-Kingston canoe race on September 22-23.

Brushes, dustpans, and machinery will be blessed in St. Stephen's Church, Southwark, next month when a Harvest Festival of Field and Factory takes the place of the usual festival.

A public subscription fund has been opened in honour of Sir Hugh Robertson, founder of the Glasgow Orpheus Choir, which is about to disband after nearly 50 years.

SAFELY ACROSS

Stanley Smith and Charles Violet (with whom the CN had an interview on May 5 just before they sailed from the Thames) have arrived safely at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, in their 20-foot yacht Nova Espero. They took 80 days to cross the Atlantic.

At a world assembly of youth recently held at Cornell University, U.S.A., 500 delegates from 63 countries discussed human rights and how young people could help to establish them throughout the world.

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ANIMAL PICTURES OLD AND NEW

The Radcliffe Science Library at Oxford has a fascinating exhibition entitled Zoological Illustration Through the Ages.

Among examples of primitive man's attempts to paint the strange beasts which inhabited the prehistoric world, are copies of cave-paintings discovered by local boys at Lascaux, in France, in 1940. The earliest printed illustrations are some woodcuts in a German book dated 1481.

A drawing of an elephant by Rembrandt can there be compared with some remarkable modern photographs of elephants taken in the Kruger Park Game Reserve in South Africa. Edward Lear, the writer of nonsense verses, is also revealed as a talented illustrator of natural history.

ARCHERS' HALL

Archers' Hall, Edinburgh, will be open to the public for the first time on weekdays from August 18 to September 8.

Built in 1776, this hall is the headquarters of the Royal Company of Archers, which in 1822 offered to act as bodyguard to King George IV when he visited the city, and received the title of the King's Body Guard for Scotland.

Among the trophies and relics to be seen in Archers' Hall are uniforms of the officers dating from 1773, and a pair of embroidered kid gloves which belonged to Sir Walter Scott.

FRESH FLOWERS BY PLANE

Winter flowers which had been brought by air from New Zealand were displayed at a recent flower show in London. They had travelled 7728 miles in three days.

There were also orchids from Malaya, Argentina, and Hawaii, lotus flowers from Hong Kong, and gerberas from Siam, all looking as fresh as though they had just been picked.

According to the World Health Organisation the population of the world has increased by 826,000,000 since the beginning of this century.

LAKES THAT VANISH

Professor Kirk H. Stone, a Wisconsin scientist, is visiting Alaska this summer to investigate the mystery of the "draining" lakes of Southern Alaska. He will also study pioneer settlements along the Alcan highway.

The study of the lakes that drain themselves dry and then refill will be his main interest. One of them, Lake George, is 16 miles long and has an average width of about two-and-a-half miles. Its depth is estimated at 300 feet. When the lake drains, it empties down to the lake bed in ten days.

PLAYGROUND PAVED WITH GOLD

The playing fields at Lions Head School, near Cape Town, have foundations literally paved with gold; at least, that is the opinion of the engineer who supervised the excavation and levelling of the site on the mountainside.

While at work he noticed that some of the boulders shone with a golden gleam. The rock was assayed and was found to contain deposits of the precious metal. But it was not worth while exploiting the find because the amount of gold was too small, and in any case the vein ended where the goal-posts were to be.

So the schoolboys got their playing fields, and if it is any satisfaction to them they can claim that their playground has a golden lining.

N.Z.'s HEALTH STAMPS

Small yachts racing before the breeze are pictured on New Zealand's 1951 health stamps which will soon be arriving in this country. The background is a typical New Zealand coast scene.

This year the 2d. stamp will be red and the 3d. stamp will be grey-green. They have been printed in England and will be on sale in New Zealand in October.

Some of the money from the sale of the special issue of these health stamps goes to maintain health camps at the seaside for New Zealand children.



Jamboree Music

This young man with the unusual musical instrument, a Kudu horn, is one of a party of Rhodesian Boy Scouts attending the jamboree in Austria.

THE VISCOUNT IS SO SMOOTH

Imagine travelling in the quiet and comfort of a luxurious cabin. On the table in front of you are balanced a number of silver coins on their edges, and a pencil standing on end.

The ride is so smooth that the coins and pencil remain balanced for minutes on end. You would, of course, be in a jet airliner.

This little balancing trick has been carried out on numerous demonstration flights with the Vickers Viscount turbo-prop airliner, which is shortly to go into service on British European Airways and the Irish Aer Lingus. It serves to show how little vibration there is in a modern jet-liner.

The Viscount, of course, is powered by propellers, like a piston-engine aeroplane, only these propellers are driven by jet turbines. It is a half-way arrangement between the piston-engine aircraft and the true jet-powered machine.

BRAVEST DEED OF THE YEAR

M. Roland Bultaux, a boiler-maker from Le Havre, has been awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal of the Royal Humane Society, presented annually for the bravest deed of the year.

In Easter 1950 he went to the rescue of a British yacht drifting before a gale outside Le Havre harbour. Twice he jumped on board with a tow-rope from a fishing smack. But each time the rope broke, and the yacht crashed on the rocks.

Eventually he managed to get ashore and secured a line from the yacht to the harbour wall and rescued the four occupants.

HOLIDAY HINT

Are you packing for your holiday? Then please make a mental note to save the paper you use and bring it home with you. Even the old newspaper in which you wrap your spare shoes can be used again for repulping, and save the cost of importing more pulp.

This country needs over a million tons of waste paper this year.

STUDYING AIR CURRENTS

Weather experts from the Meteorological Office and the Imperial College of Science have begun to make a close study of the behaviour of air currents in hilly country in Britain.

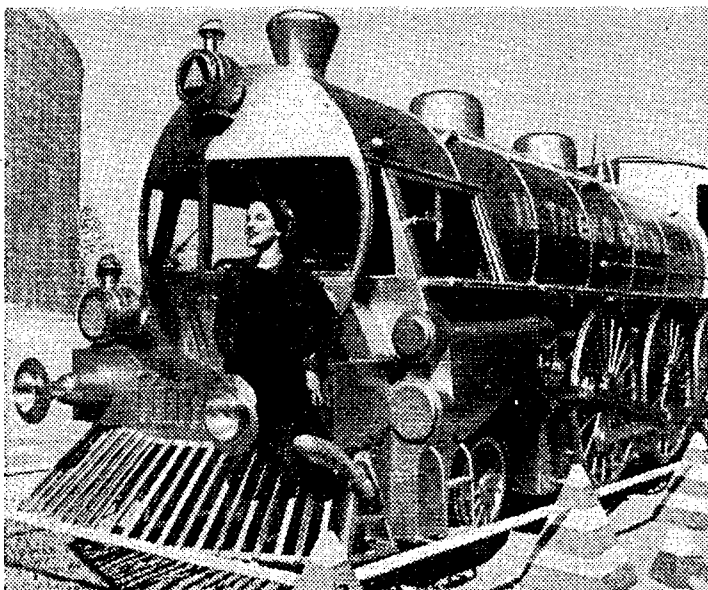
Changing air conditions over hills and valleys have been responsible for many air accidents, and it is hoped that this survey will help to make flying safer and weather forecasting more accurate.

The method of surveying used by the team is to send up a glider pilot who is in constant wireless contact with them. The glider pilot sets a course over certain peaks or hilltops, and as his craft rises or falls in the air-currents his course is recorded by theodolites on the ground. In the glider are other instruments which indicate wind movements and record changes in air temperature.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

The first municipal elections in the history of the North-West Territories of Canada will be held in the Mackenzie district on September 17. Representatives for three divisions in the district will be elected for three-year terms to an eight-member council of the North-West Territories. The remaining five members will be appointed by the Government.

Indians and Eskimos now have voting rights and there is a possibility that some will be among the candidates seeking election. The number of eligible voters is estimated at 6000.



Not what it seems

Close inspection of this "locomotive" reveals that it is actually a motor-car. It was designed for the interest of children visiting a motor show in Turin, Italy.



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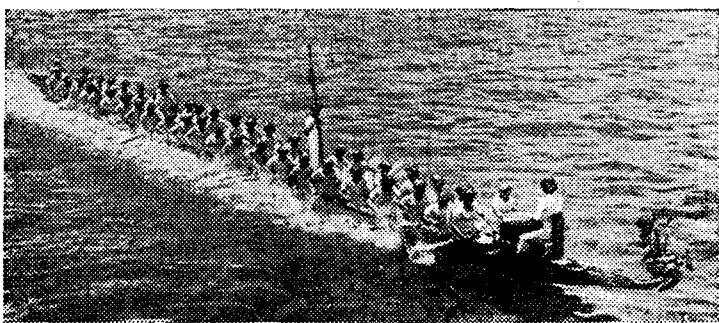
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In Chinese waters

A sleek "Dragon" boat with a crew of 45 taking part in traditional races held recently at Hong Kong to commemorate the death of a Chinese Government official 3000 years ago.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS

On Saturday, August 18, the youngest pipe band in the world, with their own drum-major, will take part in the greatest parade of pipe bands ever seen in this country, when 70 bands march along Princes Street, Edinburgh. They are the lads of Queen Victoria's School for sons of soldiers at Dunblane, and the march in which they will play with the best is part of Edinburgh's grand Festival Highland Gathering.

The 1400 pipers and drummers on Saturday will create an impressive scene—and sound. Some of the bands have come from across the seas, and many a returning Scot's heart will beat just a little faster as he stands once more on his own, his native land, and hears the skirl of the pipes.

The whole parade is to be led by

the oldest practising drum-major in Britain, John Seton, a veteran of 72, who has postponed his day of emigrating to New Zealand in order to lead this historic march. He is a leading authority on drumming, and his drum scores are accepted by pipe bands all over the world.

The parade will march to Edinburgh's famous Rugby ground, Murrayfield, where the Gathering of the Clans is to be held. There, in tents each with its appropriate flag, the chieftains will greet clansmen from all parts of the world.

Leading the North American contingent of clansmen is Gilbert Carmichael, Royal Chief of the Order of Scottish Clans of America and Canada, who has flown from New York. Other clansmen have come from all over the Empire and from many European countries—folk who have "wandered mony a weary foot Sin auld lang syne," and at Edinburgh are recalling auld acquaintance.

At Murrayfield, where the stadium has accommodation for 80,000 spectators, there will be displays of Highland dancing, tossing the caber, and other events.

On August 16, two days before the Murrayfield Gathering, there will be a grand ceilidh (concert) in the Usher Hall, and the next day a Highland Ball in the Assembly Rooms. On August 19 the great re-union will end with Church services.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Following the announcement that chromium plating is banned on new cars, motor-cycles, and bicycles comes news of a new method with which some car manufacturers are experimenting.

The "plating" is actually a coating of a synthetic resin lacquer mixed with aluminium powder or aluminium leaf in finely-divided form. The powder gives a smooth metallic finish, and the leaf a "pearl" finish.

Apart from providing a "plated" finish, this process also saves materials. Chrome plating relies on a surface plating of nickel being applied first, and it is the world shortage of nickel which has led to the official banning of "chrome."

Something like four pounds of nickel is needed for the chromium plating on a car, but with the new resin coating one pound of aluminium is sufficient for nearly 50 cars.

LEARNING TO BE A FARMER

8. When the corn is ripe

In previous months Ian Farley has seen the amount of preliminary work that is necessary on a farm between seed-time and harvest. But now the corn is ripe for cutting and he is to learn something of the intricacies of stooking.

THE spell of fine weather had turned the corn on Grove Farm from yellow-green to rich golden brown, and Mr. Waring and Ian went out one afternoon to see whether it was ripe enough to start mowing.

"How do you know just when the corn is ripe, Mr. Waring?" asked Ian.

"Come over here and I'll show you," said the farmer, stepping over the fence and into the corn-field, where he plucked an ear or two of corn, rubbed them between the palms of his hands, and blew away the chaff with a few quick puffs.

"There," he said, "do you see how those grains are firm and brown? If it wasn't ripe they would be soft and have a tinge of green about them, or, as we say, they'd be 'milky.' This corn is fit to start mowing tomorrow so you'd better find some old clothes

butts of the sheaves interlock with the stubble, like two hairbrushes; then you bring the two heads to rest against one another.

"That's your first two sheaves; then you put two more pairs in the same way, one on either side of the first and that's your stook finished, and if you do it properly it will stand up to any storm without falling down."

"Why is the corn not carted straight to the rick as soon as it is cut instead of stooking it?" asked Ian.

"There are several reasons," answered the farmer. "Usually there is a lot of green stuffs—grass, weeds, clover and such—in the butts of the sheaves, and if we were to put the sheaves in a rick with that stuff in them it would heat up, just like a heap of lawn trimmings does, and might even catch fire. Stooking lets the wind get at the sheaves and while it dries out the green material it helps to mature the grain as well."

"I thought there were machines nowadays which cut and thresh the corn all in one operation," said Ian.

"You mean a combine har-



and give us a hand with the stooking, Ian."

"Why, is it a dirty job?" asked Ian.

"No, not dirty," answered the farmer, "but it's very hard on the clothes and you can wear out a jacket in no time at all. I had better tell you how to do it now so that you will know how in the morning."

"First of all, as you know, the binder goes round the field, cuts the corn and ties it up into sheaves. Well, stooking is simply a case of standing the sheaves on end in lots of six or eight. They must be built firmly enough to stand up to a strong wind though, and there is a special way of doing it.

"First you take two sheaves, one under each arm, with the heads in front of you; next, standing with legs apart, you lift the heads up and let both sheaves slide together down the outside of your legs and bump on the ground so that the

vester," said Mr. Waring. "They are very good machines and certainly take a lot of the hard work out of harvesting, and make it much less dependent on good weather, because once the corn is cut, that's the end of it. The combine harvester is just a combination of mowing-machine and threshing-machine, cutting the corn, threshing it, and putting it into sacks all in one operation."

"Unfortunately, they are very expensive machines and only farmers with large acreages of corn are really justified in buying one. However, I suppose someone will invent a small model for farmers like myself and then harvest will be a very simple operation."

"But I don't think I would want it to be like that, because there's a great deal of pleasure to be got out of harvesting as we do it now."

(Next month young Ian Farley will learn something of the art of stackbuilding.)

VILLAGE WITH A GIANT

The village of Hale, near Liverpool, is protesting against incorporation into its big neighbour. It has been recalling some of its past; and it is true that there was a time when all England knew about Hale and its giant.

Although his real name was John Middleton, the giant was always referred to as "Childe of Hale." He was born there in 1578 and died in 1628; and the villagers of Hale point out his tombstone in their churchyard. Their giant was nine feet three inches tall, and the palm of his hand was over eight inches across.

PORTRAIT AT OXFORD

In James I's court the Hale giant wrestled with the king's wrestler and put his thumb out of joint. The king gave him the large sum of £20, and on his way home the giant stopped at Brasenose College, Oxford, where his life-size portrait still hangs in the library.

Hale is still proud of its giant, and to this day the story is told in the village that during his last illness he had to be chained to the bed. Furthermore, that one of the huge chains was afterwards sent to the Dee Mills at Chester to prevent them floating down the river, and the other to Boston to keep the famous Stump from being blown into the sea.

If Liverpool swallows Hale it will also have to swallow the giant!

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS

So that the capital city of New Zealand will have plenty of flowers in its parks during the Royal visit next May and June, Wellington Corporation gardeners are growing 50,000 flowering plants in six glasshouses.

In New Zealand May and June correspond to November and December in this country, so the gardens would normally have few flowers.

These plants will be in full bloom when they are taken from the glasshouses, a day or two before the Royal party arrives. The gardeners are hoping that New Zealand's May weather will be mild, as it often is, so that the flowers will not suffer from the change.

DINING OUT IN BELGRADE

Boys and girls of Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, frequently take their meals in special children's restaurants; there are 51 such establishments in the city, writes a CN correspondent. Between 25,000 and 30,000 young "diners-out" visit them every day, paying for their favourite dishes with their own dinars (pennies). The only adults who go to them are fathers and mothers with children too young to go by themselves.

Our correspondent went to the Snow White Restaurant in Belgrade, where the walls are decorated with pictures from Walt Disney's film. Other children's restaurants are similarly named.

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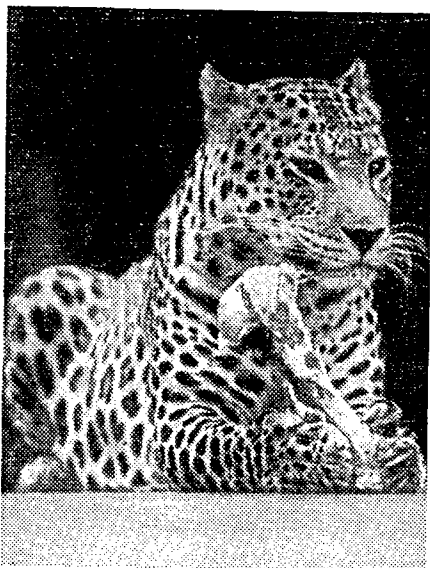
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All on a Summer's day at the London Zoo

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Fireworks the Leopard is as happy as a dog with a bone.



A whole tomato presents no problem to a Great Indian Hornbill.



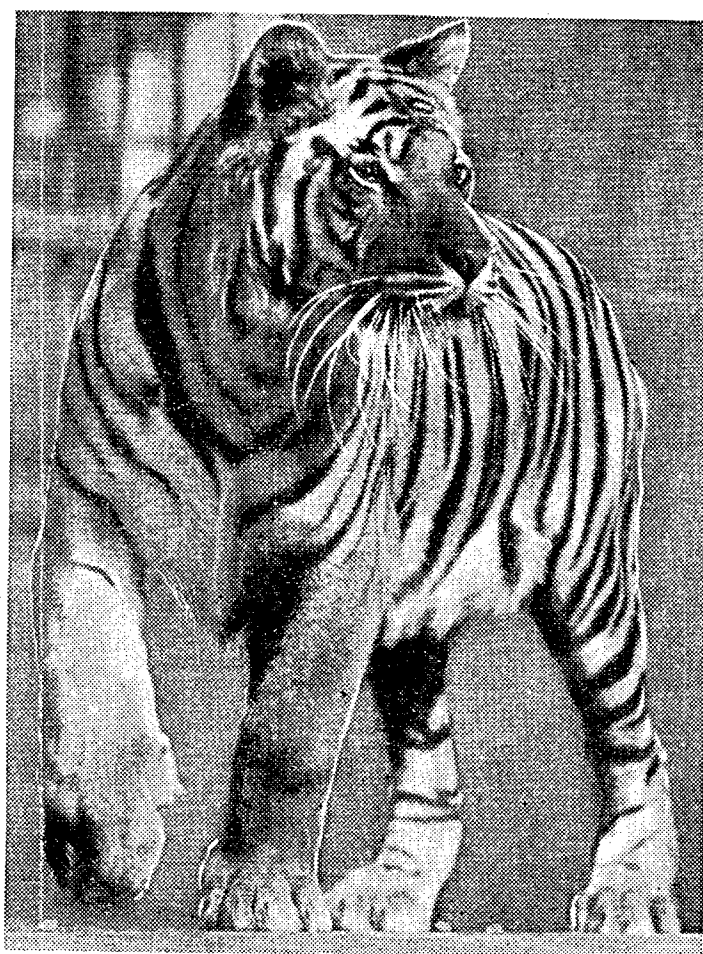
Toto the Triton Cockatoo likes a drink all to himself—



But the Giraffes have to make a little go a long way.



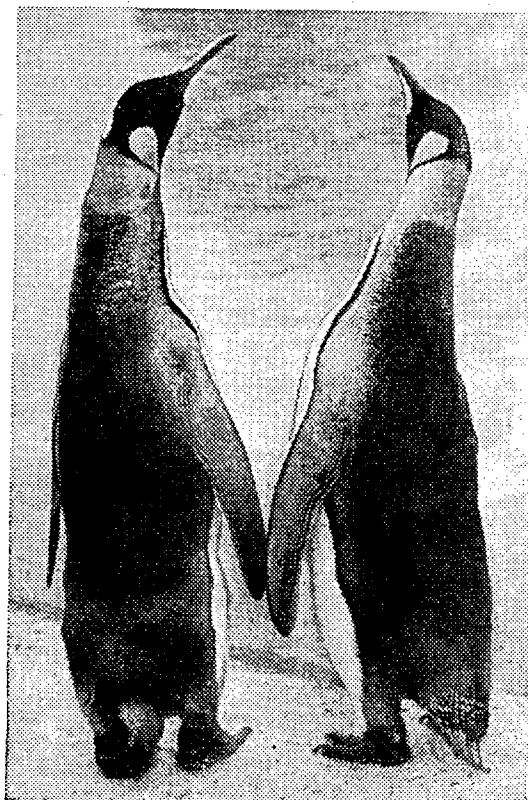
Joey—officially a Bosman's Potto—is quite a handful.



Baccha the Tiger takes a morning stroll.



These wide-eyed Galagos (Bush Babies) are father and son.



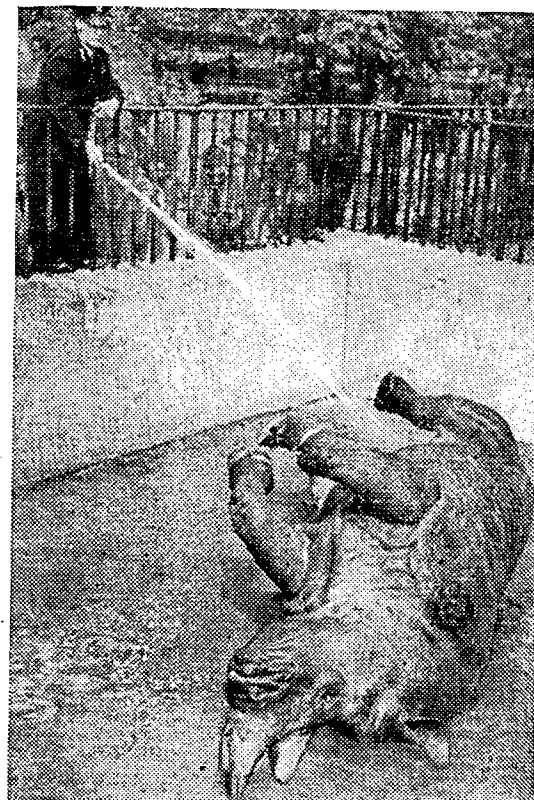
"It seems a nice day for a swim," says one King Penguin to another.



Life is sometimes a joke to an old Camel—



But it is a serious business to a young Seal.



"There's nothing like a cooling shower on a hot day," thinks Lorna, the African Rhino.

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

PRINCESS MARGARET will be 21 next week and the whole world will wish her Many Happy Returns!

The King's younger daughter has won a place in all our hearts; she obviously enjoys life and wherever she goes there is gaiety and good fun. Destiny



has imposed on her a thousand and one duties that many people might find irksome, but all of them she carries out with a refreshing enthusiasm and a winning smile.

EVEN for a princess, coming-of age is a great occasion, an occasion for rejoicing. On behalf of all C N readers we wish her good fortune, good health, and Many Happy Returns!



Under the Editor's Table

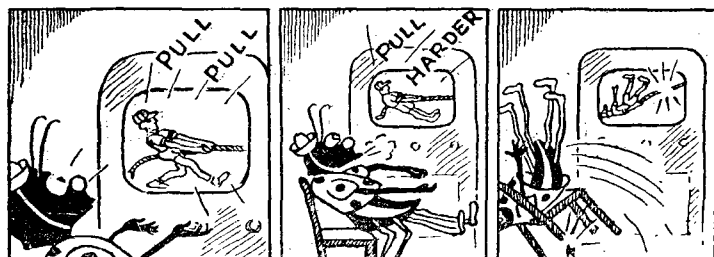
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If ballet keeps dancers
on their toes

A new Paris hat is decorated with an arrow. Instead of the more common bow.

One motorist in fifteen can expect a breakdown this year. The rest will be taken by surprise.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

BRING CIVILISATION TO THE ROADS

SAFETY on the roads depends on good manners, said the Duke of Edinburgh to motorists recently. "People should learn," he continued, "to drive in the same way as they learn to be good citizens. Just as one takes off one's hat when entering a house or meeting a lady, one should not park a car on the highway if it could be put in a side-turning, and one should not open a door in the face of oncoming traffic."

The Duke's words strike at the heart of the road safety problem. So many people, when they get on the roads, seem unconsciously to revert to the jungle, where the law is the survival of the fittest—and the luckiest. The civilised manners that have been evolved down the centuries are left at home.

It is for the younger generation to bring civilisation to the congested, death-dealing roads. Their good manners can make the conditions of today something on which their children will look back with a shudder, as we look back on the days of public executions.

Prayers

It is not the arithmetic of our prayers—how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers—how eloquent they be; nor the geometry of our prayers—how long they be; nor the music of our prayers—the sweetness of the voice; nor the logic of our prayers, and the method of them; but the divinity of our prayers, which God so much effecteth.

Bishop Joseph Hall

JUST AN IDEA

As Goethe wrote: A talent shapes itself in stillness, but a character in the tumult of the world.

Watch your English

A MAN who knows as much as anyone about the difficulties of learning English has been sent by Unesco to Thailand (Siam), to strengthen English classes there.

He is Mr. John Henry Burbank, who has taught English in Japan, Rumania, and Iraq. "English grammar is easier than that of most languages," he says, "but foreign students always seem to have trouble with our colloquialisms." He thinks it best for pupils to begin with standard English and to learn idioms later.

This is a reminder that we should always speak carefully to our foreign visitors. When they have painstakingly mastered English grammar and have a fair vocabulary, it is more than a little disheartening for them to be asked, for instance, "Isn't this a simply super do?" or, "Aren't we jolly lucky to get such a whacking fine day?"

A TREAT FOR THE GUV'NOR

THIS happy story of good relations between an employer and his workers comes from Lowestoft.

For the past three years a local builder has made a practice of giving his men a good outing in the summer; but recently they decided to reverse the order of things and take the "guv'nor" out for the day.

The men paid the costs of a motor-coach trip to London and a tour of the South Bank Exhibition and Battersea Park Pleasure Gardens; and before they returned home they presented their employer with a well-equipped picnic basket as an added token of their esteem.

We can be quite sure that "a good time was had by all." Kind hearts flourish in Lowestoft's bracing air.

Praise for British industry

INDUSTRIAL representatives from the United States who had been visiting our pressed metal industry were full of praise for it when they left.

They were impressed by the modern layout of our factory buildings, the excellence of the machinery, and the standard of cleanliness and lighting. They admired the factory canteens, sports grounds, and social centres, and found the relations between the management and the workers more cordial here than in the U.S.

They said that British workmen work much harder than those in America, but they pointed out that in their country any job demanding great physical exertion is done by a machine, thus saving time and effort.

These compliments from representatives of a country famed for efficiency are most encouraging. Britain, as we have long suspected, despite the Jeremiahs who are always with us, is efficient too.

SOUTH AFRICA'S PROBLEMS

MR. J. G. N. STRAUSS, a South African political leader, recently asked Britons to view his country's problems with sympathy and understanding.

South Africa's problems are more complex than those of any other Commonwealth nation. In a population of nearly 12 million there are about 2,373,000 people of European origin and more than nine million non-Europeans, and these two groups are again divided.

All these citizens of different race, outlook, and religion must, as Mr. Strauss says, "live together in harmony and devote their common energies to those great purposes upon which all mankind should be agreed—to the maintenance of human freedom, the enhancement of human dignity, and the equitable distribution of the world's wealth among its people."

Their difficult task calls for the avoidance of thoughtless criticism from other nations which have not the same human problems to face. We can draw encouragement from Mr. Strauss's hopeful words: "The spirit of Smuts still lives and flourishes in South Africa"; for his was the spirit which soared triumphant over human problems, again and again and again.

Garden of friendship

AS a token of reconciliation and friendship between the German and British peoples, an English garden is to be made in Berlin's Tiergarten.

This open space in the heart of the city which was once the pride of Berliners, has since the war been a wilderness, but it is to be restored to its former beauty, and the English garden will cover six of its 630 acres.

Major-General Bourne, the British Commandant, and the Shropshire Horticultural Society are sponsoring the idea. Representatives of the West Berlin Senate have helped to plan the garden. Plants and shrubs for it are to be collected all over Britain.

In what more fitting way could it be said: "Let us be friends"?



OUR HOMELAND

A Tudor corner of the Surrey village of Oxted

THINGS SAID

THERE was once some idiot who pronounced the dictum that an ounce of practice was worth a pound of theory. One of the things which I hope your education has taught you is that this is arrant nonsense.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, M.P.,
at Dover College

THE nursing profession needs the best today just as much if not more than it did when Florence Nightingale clothed it with dignity and honour.

Princess Elizabeth

FOR goodness' sake remain feminine. Don't ape the men. They do not like it. The odd man may, but he is not the sort who counts.

Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Newall,
at St. Michael's School, Petworth

MAN needs something more than science to determine whether power released by science shall be used for creation or destruction, for good or evil. Education should direct the moral judgment of the child and strengthen its will for good.

Bishop of Chichester

Hatless brigade

EVERYONE has heard of the dire fate prophesied for the lad in the Yorkshire song who "coorted Mary Jane on Ilkla Moor baht 'at"; but in spite of the risk of "catching their deaths o' cauld," our menfolk increasingly leave heads—bald, grizzled, and ruffled alike—uncovered against all the winds that blow. Man's former seal of respectability is left on the peg.

Hatters, not being so mad as tradition has it, recently conducted a survey of headwear at London's South Bank Exhibition. But the result was discouraging, for of 226 men noted no fewer than 177 were hatless.

The inference would seem to be that until hats become cheaper, men will continue to save them for a rainy day.

Brothers

O Englishmen!—in hope and creed,
In blood and tongue our brothers!

We too are heirs of Runnymede,
And Shakespeare's fame and Cromwell's deed

Are not alone our mother's.

J. G. Whittier

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FUN AND GAMES IN THE PARROT HOUSE

By Craven Hill, our Correspondent at London Zoo

THE Zoo parrot house remains as popular as ever; and this is not surprising, for among its 200-odd exhibits are some unusually clever and amusing birds whose antics are always making children laugh.

Not the least of these tricksters are some little African masked leopards which came in recently. The birds are called "masked" because of their peculiar face markings, but even more striking than their appearance is their tameness; they have no objection to being taken in the hand, and one of them enjoys nothing better than to sit in the keeper's coat pocket, where it will remain, quite quietly, surveying passers-by till they catch sight of it. Then, in a fit of shyness, the bird will pop down into the pocket like a jack-in-the-box in reverse.

ANOTHER amusing "star" is Joey, an African grey parrot given to the Zoo in 1947. Joey is rapidly acquiring quite a vocabulary, and frequently surprises the visitor with a scrap of human speech.

Incidentally, Joey is one of the more pampered "stars" of the parrot-house, for his former owner, a Londoner, is so attached to him that regularly each week he brings along some bacon rind with him. So keen is Joey to get his special delicacy that, on seeing the parcel, he talks non-stop until Head Keeper Croucher hands him the rind in strips. Then Joey stops talking and attends to the more important business of cutting up the rind with his beak into more convenient slices.

Zoo parrots are not generally given fat in any form, by the way, since birds so fed are prone to start plucking out their own

feathers, to get at the oily material that lies at the roots. But Joey, happily, does not.

SOME of the cockatoos and macaws, now to be seen swinging on their outdoor perches under trees outside the house, are also lively chatterboxes. One, however, has been getting into hot water lately. This is George, the red-and-yellow macaw, who was a gift from an Indian maharajah in 1941. During the last year or two keepers have had to keep George well away from children, not because he menaces them personally, but because he bites off their coat buttons!

Even so, George still contrives to get an occasional "victim." He got one the other day, during the absence of a keeper, when he quietly bent down to a young visitor who had come quite close to him and nipped several buttons from her garments. George dropped the buttons on the ground, but they were then quite useless, for his powerful beak had bitten them all in half.

A LARGE moth-trap bought from a dealer is now functioning nightly on the roof of the Zoo reptile house. The trap, which is of a new design, is cylindrical, about 2½ feet across, and in its centre stands a mercury-vapour lamp. Moths large and small are being caught by the hundred.

Mr. Bushby, Curator of Insects, tells me that the moths are wanted not only as food for some reptiles and birds, but also as a useful check-up on the rarer species alleged to have been seen in Regent's Park. The most interesting captures so far have been a number of hawk-moths, so-called from their very rapid flight.

SCROOGE RETURNS TO THE ROYAL EXCHANGE

A lorry driver, passing through the empty City of London one night not long ago, pulled up in amazement as he saw a floodlit wintry scene outside the Royal Exchange. An early Victorian figure in picturesque top hat and heavy muffler was walking down the snow-clad steps.

"It looks like old Scrooge!" gasped the driver to his mate.

"That's who it's supposed to be," said a bystander.

The explanation was that the Royal Exchange was being used as a film studio for the first time in its history, and "shots" were being taken there because Scrooge's name, Dickens wrote, "was good enough upon 'Change for anything he chose to put his hand to."

The previous evening, as soon as the City streets had been deserted by their daytime crowds, a fleet of coaches had arrived with technicians, costumed actors, props, mobile generators, and much other equipment.

Inside the vast impressive hall, with its tiers of great arches rising to the lofty, glass-domed roof,

cameras had been set up and arc lamps placed in position on a 30-foot-high bridge swiftly erected on the spot. And just in case fire should break out while the scenes were being made—twice has this august building been burned down in the past—Renown Pictures had insured it for £1,232,500.

In this magnificent palace of merchant princes, Scrooge the miser (Alastair Sim) was filmed while talking in his mean sarcastic way to his business associates, who despised him in their hearts. Later he appeared in his frilled night-shirt and faded dressing gown escorted by the awe-inspiring phantom, "The Spirit of Christmas Future."

The actors went out into the artificial snow on the steps for the last sequence, watched with interest not only by lorry drivers, but by the sentries guarding the Bank of England across the road.

When the summer dawn broke on the wintry scene the filming was completed. By nine o'clock that morning the Royal Exchange was its dignified self again.

Quite a Slippery Business

"Yes, we have no bananas." The rather plaintive theme of that old song is still true today, and one of the reasons perhaps is that—believe it or not—bananas are now being used for the launching of ships.

When an 8000-ton vessel was launched recently at Vizagapatam, in the Bay of Bengal, bananas were used instead of launching grease. Normally it would take about three tons of tallow, oil, and soft soap to help a vessel of this weight into the water; but fats cost a lot of money, and it was thought that bananas would be cheaper.

So 25,000 bananas were bought and allowed to become over-ripe. These were then dipped in industrial oil to discourage pilfering, and laid on the slipway, skins and all. Over this slimy mess soft soap was then smeared. The launching was a complete success, with never a pause on this slippery slope.

USED AGAIN

British yards, with order books so full that deliveries cannot now be promised until 1954, have an enormous annual bill to meet for launching fats. To economise as much as possible, grease is scraped from the slipways immediately after a launching, and re-barrelled for future use.

The fats which were used at the launch of the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth will again be used on the ways under a ship to be launched at Clydebank next month.

But it is not always possible to save the fat. Clyde engineers who have just returned from Africa, where they supervised the building and launching of a ship, tell the story of the morning after, when they arrived to supervise the salvage of fat from the slipway. The ways were clean—the spectators had lost no time in scraping off the grease for use in their homes as cooking fat.

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CYCLE SERVICE

21. Road Safety

There is nothing to be afraid of in traffic if you keep to the rules. Learn the Highway Code as it applies to cyclists.

Keep well over to your side of the road. Do not ride more than two abreast. If the road narrows, cycle behind your friend.

Make sure what is following before pulling out, whether to overtake or turn right. Do not rely just on your hand signals. Make sure first! The right-hand turn from a busy traffic stream needs special attention.

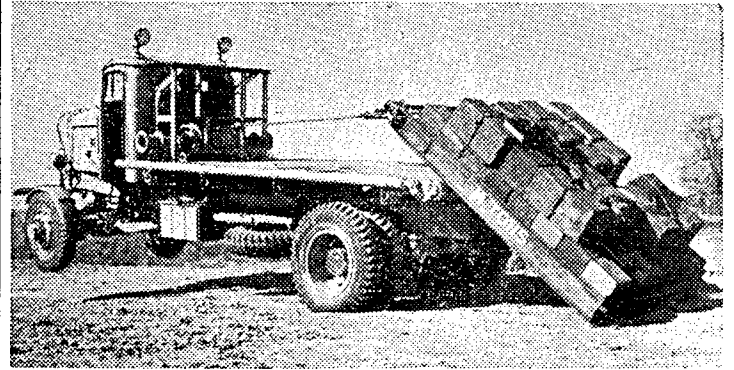
Anticipate the movements of others, whether pedestrians, cyclists, or motorists. Do not take chances when rounding a corner, or approaching the hump of a bridge.

Be courteous! Others also have a right to the road.

Finally, make sure your cycle is safe. Does your position on it give you complete control in traffic? Are your brakes and tyres 100 per cent efficient? V.S.

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NEW ANGLE ON LOADING



The front part of this truck rises to an angle of 50 degrees to take on a heavy load without the use of a crane. The load is hauled on over rollers at the back of the truck by a winch (seen just behind the driver's cab) as the weight behind causes the front to rise. Then, as the load is drawn forward on the truck, the front wheels

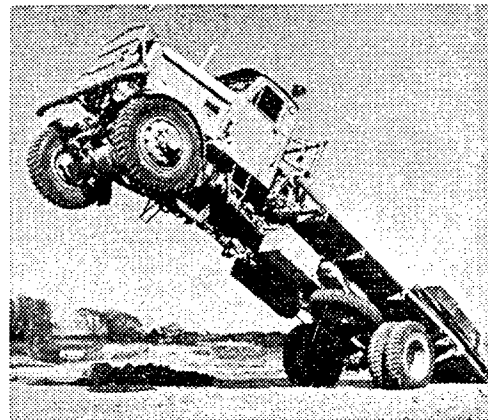
gradually return to the ground.

This new Scammell all-wheel-drive truck is to work in the Seria oilfield at Brunei, North Borneo, where it will carry heavy equipment like derrick drilling rigs, pumping units, and pipelines.

Heavy rainfall makes the ground soggy in Seria, but the truck's drive is transmitted to all four

wheels, and this helps to prevent the vehicle from being bogged down, for the wheel or wheels that remain on firm ground are able to drag it out of the mud.

The Seria oilfield is the largest producer in the British Commonwealth, and has a record output of 100,000 barrels a day—about five million tons of oil a year.



AIR BASES IN THE ARCTIC

THE recent flight from Iceland over the North Pole to Alaska by an R.A.F. crew in a specially-equipped Lincoln bomber again raises the question of the desirability of establishing bases in the Arctic wastes.

The Arctic Ocean carries millions of tons of moving pack-ice, which, grinding along the shores of Northern Siberia, Alaska, and Canada (the Polar Basin) piles into grotesque shifting masses.

But in this uncanny, frightening realm, where the ice masses grind with the roar of thunder, airmen of the United States Meteorological Patrol have recently discovered two "permanent" ice islands some 30 miles long and up to 20 miles wide.

The Polar Basin has been described as the "home of the weather." Its storms have a marked effect on the weather in North America, in Europe, and in the Soviet Union. It follows that a weather reporting outpost in these North Pole islands would be of immense value.

No less valuable would be their use as emergency landing-grounds and rescue bases for trans-Polar Basin civil aviation routes which will result from the latest R.A.F. flight from Keflavik, Iceland, non-stop to Fairbanks, Alaska, and the earlier flight from Norway to Alaska by a Norwegian civil pilot.

The Russians have already established a post on one of these North Pole islands, and aviation experts say there would be no difficulty about maintaining an airstrip. At a conference in Wash-

ington recently Mr. J. P. Allen, a member of the U.S. Hydrographic Office, said bulldozers could be dropped by parachute on the island to flatten out landing strips for heavy freight planes.

So it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that these islands, alternatively shrouded in the gloom of the Polar winter and reflecting the glare of the long summer days, when there is no night, will one day become key points on civil aviation routes between North America and the Soviet Union.

The question of territorial rights might then arise, for both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. claim "all territory north of our shores to the Pole"—and the ice islands appear to be revolving slowly in the grip of wind and current round the Pole.

OLDEST TUNNEL

A plaque has been fixed to the entrance to the railway tunnel at Tallylyn, near Brecon, recording the fact that the original bore for the tunnel is the oldest in the world.

This tunnel was opened in 1816 and had a 3½-foot track along which wagons were drawn by horses. A new bore and constructional alterations were made in 1860 for the present tunnel.

ORANGE HARVEST AS HOLIDAY TASK

Britain is not the only country where young people are encouraged to spend part of their summer holiday down on the farm helping with the harvest. Much the same thing is happening in South Africa, only there it is the orange and lemon crop which is harvested.

During the peak months, July and August, special hostels on the citrus farms are hives of activity, with hundreds of young men and women coming and going. Bank clerks, girl typists, and shop assistants all look forward to spending a profitable holiday in the orange groves.

They pick the fruit, grade it, see that it is properly packed for export, and in addition to being housed and fed for the vacation they earn pocket money as well.

They have their exciting moments, too. Sometimes baboons, who love oranges, come down in droves at night from the hills and raid the orchards. Then an alarm bell rings out through the hostel dormitories and the young people emerge to frighten off the marauders.

Armed with sticks, tins, pans, and old guns firing blank ammunition, they advance on the baboons. The din scares the intruders away and, for a time, they keep away from the orange groves.

RADIO TELEPHONE FOR THREE

The tiny rocky island of Swona in the Orkneys has a population of three, all one family. Storm-bound for weeks at a time amid the turbulent waters of the Pentland Firth, their only link with the outside world in winter has been a Morse lamp, used for signalling to South Ronaldshay.

But in future, in addition to the postman's occasional visits in calm weather, the islanders will be in constant touch with Mainland, for a radio-telephone in direct communication with Stromness lighthouse has been installed.

Steps to Sporting Fame



Rare indeed are Second Division speedway stars who have captained their country in Tests. Yet that honour belongs to Jack Young of Edinburgh Monarchs.



Jack was born in Adelaide. As a youth he and two friends laid out their own track on some waste land. The two friends were Bob Leverenz and Mervyn Harding, who have also won speedway fame in this country and Australia.



On Young's first appearance at Edinburgh two years ago he won all his races. Then he had appendicitis. In hospital he was overwhelmed with gifts and good wishes from people who had seen him only once.

Jack Young



Jack showed his appreciation by returning another maximum score on his second appearance. Today he is classed among the best half-dozen speedway riders Australia has given the world in the past 25 years.

OLD MARIONETTES RETURN

After delighting audiences from 1870 to 1920, several jolly marionettes were packed away in a Lincolnshire barn and completely forgotten.

More than 30 years passed before the figures came to light again, all forlorn by this time, and then along came Mr. Gerald Morice, Editor of The Puppet Master, to buy them. Once again they saw the face of someone who appreciated marionettes.

Now they are back in all their glory at the Riverside Theatre in the Festival Gardens at Battersea. There we may see them any afternoon until August 26, doing their famous Harlequinade Ballet to Sullivan's music. There we may hear them singing, Daisy Bell, Villikins and his Dinah, and others of the songs our grandparents loved to sing.

Before the old-time Marionettes show there is a Toy Theatre performance in the "penny plain, twopence coloured" style, the play being an abridged version of a famous toy theatre melodrama, The Miller and his Men.

CATHEDRAL OF THE MARSHES

The Parish Church of Lydd in Kent, known as the Cathedral of the Marshes, is in urgent need of repair, and an appeal for £7500 has been made.

Badly damaged by a bomb during the war, this church has a history going back 1200 years, and the pinnacles of its 15th-century tower are a landmark to ships passing up and down the Channel.

In the churchyard is the tomb of Tom Edgar, who voyaged with Captain Cook round the world and was on board when his leader was murdered by cannibals in Karakoa Bay in 1779. His epitaph reads:

*Tom Edgar at last has sailed out of this world;
His shroud is put on and his top-sails are furled.*

SAGA OF TWO MEN WHO SEARCHED FOR GOLD

Wasa-Wasa is an Indian word meaning "far, far away" and distant was the land to which Harry Macfie, a young Swede of Scottish ancestry, turned his adventurous footsteps in 1897, eager to experience the life of trappers and gold-seekers in Northern Canada and Alaska.

The story of his and his partner's struggles to survive in the frozen wilderness is told in a recently published book, Wasa-Wasa (George Allen and Unwin, 15s.). It is one of the most impressive real-life adventure books that have appeared recently.

Harry's partner, Sam Kilburn, was a young Englishman from Manchester. The two built a log cabin beside a lake in Manitoba. To their door during a blizzard came an Indian named Sagwa, nearly frozen to death. They nursed him back to health and he gave them two pieces of gold but advised them not to seek its source in a "wasa-wasa" country. "My red brothers' bullets would find you," he warned.

All the same, they packed their canoe with food and paddled north by rivers and lakes until they

reached Sagwa's village on a tributary of the Nelson River. Their reception was most unfriendly and the Chief ordered them to return south.

Instead, they paddled on north and found the gold. But before they could dig much of it they had to take to their canoe with Indian bullets following them. With Sagwa's help they carried their canoe over the hills, launched it again on the Nelson River, and escaped.

CAUGHT IN FOREST FIRE

They then decided to turn to fur-trapping, and as winter approached they paddled north again and, selecting a place by a river to build their winter hut, they pitched their tent. That night they had to fly in haste before a forest fire. Landing in a safe region they built their log cabin and, next spring, left with a fine load of skins.

The gold rush to Alaska was on and our two young adventurers next set out on foot for the Yukon, where eventually they "staked a claim" by a little stream.

Sam and Harry found gold and

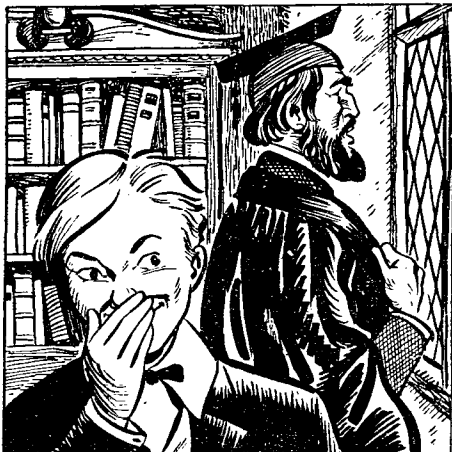
refused an offer of 60,000 dollars for their plot. Next spring they worked hard, but their claim was soon exhausted and their actual profits amounted to the price of two small sacks of flour!

Undaunted, they went to the Bering Sea coast of Alaska where, they had heard, gold was to be found on the very shingle of the beach. They built a hut on the banks of a river and for many months had thrilling adventures hunting for food and sharing the hard life of the Eskimos.

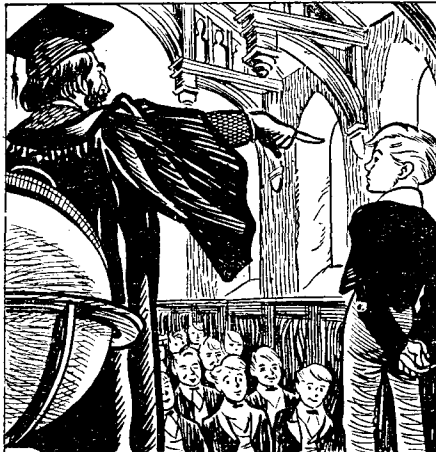
But they found no gold, so they returned "home" to the Fish River. There fate played a queer trick on them—they found gold almost on the very spot where they had previously searched for it. But it did not yield a fortune. Harry said he was tired of searching for "where the rainbow ends," and these two staunch companions shook hands and parted.

Years later Sam passed to the happy hunting ground, but Harry, who returned to Sweden, told his tale to Hans G. Westerlund, who wrote it down in Swedish. F. H. Lyon has translated it into well-phrased English.

VICE VERSA—F. ANSTEY'S AMUSING SCHOOL STORY, TOLD IN PICTURES (8)



Dr. Grimstone discovered that Dick, last term, had sent a note to a schoolgirl, and this, in those days, was thought by persons like the Doctor to be a terrible offence. Mr. Bultitude had to take the blame but (to his great joy) the Head told him the offence was so serious he would have to be expelled. The father turned schoolboy could hardly hide his delight. At last he was going to escape from this nightmare existence!



Next morning the Head "relented," deciding that instead of expelling Bultitude he would "only" flog him in front of the whole school. He was about to do so when a visitor was announced. It was "Mr. Bultitude"—Dick, of course, in his father's body and clothes—who had come down to the school to see how his "son" was getting on. The "son" was sent to interview his "father" alone in the dining room.



Wrathfully the real Mr. Bultitude told his son he was to be punished for things Dick had done. "You'll work them off during the term, I dare say," said Dick, who was wearing a striking assortment of comfortable old clothes. He refused to change places again by means of the magic stone—he was having too good a time—and threatened that if his father exposed him he would use the stone to turn him into a cabhorse.



Dr. Grimstone came in and told "Mr. Bultitude" of his "son's" offence. Dick whistled. "I say, that's bad!" he exclaimed. "You haven't given him a whopping yet, have you?" and begged the Doctor not to do so. The Head was amazed at the strange dress and behaviour of this "parent." But he agreed to let the offender off. Then Dick, wishing to see his former chums, asked if he could "inspect the school."

Will Dick give himself away in front of his former schoolmates? See next week's instalment

The Children's Newspaper, August 18, 1951

The Gallant Third of Milbourne

Hail—and Farewell (1)



After their adventures in the French Alps the Third Form have made a reluctant return to Milbourne School.

"WHAT does 'Ave' mean, Sprottle?"

"Please, sir, 'hail,' sir," piped Sprottle. "I spotted it in the Latin Primer, sir, yesterday."

"And 'Vale,' Sprottle?" the Grim Bird continued remorselessly.

"Oh, 'Vale,' sir! That's different, sir," Sprottle conceded.

"Entirely different, friend Sprottle. Perhaps Jellicombe can tell us."

"But, sir!" exclaimed Jellicombe. "That's just what I wanted to know, sir." Then he clutched at his straw. "It's a valley, isn't it, sir?"

Mr. Grimmett groaned. "I despair of every one of you," he said. "I had been hoping that your recent visit to France would brighten such gleams of intelligence as you occasionally exhibit. Balmforth?"

"Sir!"

"Do you find your intelligence brightened?"

But Balmforth had the answer ready for that. "Sir, we didn't have to talk Latin, sir, in the French Alps!"

For here were Mr. Grimmett's far-travelled Third Form back once more at their desks in the classroom, with four or five shy newcomers keeping them company; and there sat their old Grim Bird back on his dais, with his spectacles firmly set on the bridge of his nose.

But now he removed them and laid them down at his side.

"I have some news for you, boys," he said very quietly.

They waited without a movement. What ever was coming? For there was something in his manner which vaguely disturbed them.

"At the end of this term I shall lose you. I am retiring."

NOT a word from the Third Form at first. Their old Grim Bird retiring! They could hardly believe their ears. Did he only mean he'd had enough of themselves? Or did he mean that he was leaving the school?

"But, sir!" gasped Pettifer, the first to recover his tongue. "But, sir! However can we get on without you?"

"That," said the Grim Bird with dryness, "remains to be seen. But I trust that you will do better work with my successor?"

"We couldn't, sir!" Balmforth insisted. "Nobody could. I mean . . . you know, sir . . . we'll miss you, sir. All the time."

"H'm! Ha!" said the Grim Bird. "Well, what is to be is to be, Balmforth. At Christmas I retire from the school staff. Which partly explains, or does it, I cannot feel sure, my reason for taking you miserable creatures to the Alps, where you did me little credit," he added severely.

by GUNBY
HADATH

roll, don't forget. But the Grim Bird saved us from getting into a row for it!"

Yes, they said, they remembered.

"AND how he might have jumped on us for the Ants Club. Any other beak would have had our blood for it, wouldn't he? But what did he do? He just told us to wind it up."

"And he didn't even mention it to the Head!"

"No," said Jellicombe. "And I was the treasurer, wasn't I? So I'll tell you something else that I've never let out. The club owed Robert, the boot boy, a bit for part of his wages. And after we'd wound ourselves up, he complained to the Grim Bird. And what did the Grim Bird do?"

"He paid him!" said Pettifer.

"Oh, you guessed it, did you?"

"No," replied Pettifer, "I didn't guess it. The Grim Bird told me himself, because I was the club's President. He told me to pay him back at the end of the term, and not to say a word about it to anyone."

"But why should he pay Robert?"

"How dense you are!" replied Pettifer. "The old Grim Bird was afraid that Robert would report us to the Head unless he got what we owed him at once."

"In other words, it was blackmail," said Whitstable learnedly.

"I don't know what blackmail is, and I don't care," snapped Pettifer. "I only know that the Grim Bird was frightfully decent."

"Yes," exclaimed Gudgeon, joining his voice to the others. "Yes, terribly decent. Don't forget how we went on tick with the printers when they printed our mag. And Houghton got to hear of it—"

"Houghton's a beast," grunted Jellicombe.

"I don't know," said Gudgeon impartially. "But I do know that he reported us to the Head for going on tick in the town. And everyone knows what a row you can get in for that. You have all your exerts stopped for the rest of the term."

Yes, they knew, they assented.

"Well, it was only the Grim Bird who saved us that time from the Head."

WERE Mr. Grimmett's ears burning? None have recorded. But what a shock it would have given him had he been listening!

The miserable Third Form blowing his trumpet!

Meanwhile, Pettifer's brain began working. They would give their Grim Bird a testimonial, he said.

Young Sprottle seized on the project. "Yes, a testimonial!" he thrilled. "We'll write him a letter saying what a good teacher he is, and how we wish him jolly good luck in his next job—"

"You ass! He's retiring."

"Oh, yes, I forgot that," owned Sprottle. "Then instead we say 'good luck' now he's laid on the

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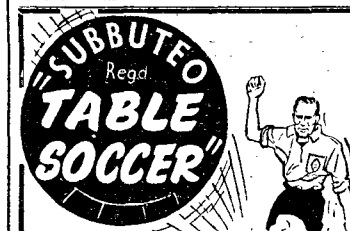
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YOUNG QUIZ



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- 2 Where is Tin-Can Island?
- 3 What is a skink?
- 4 Is a leveret a young hare, an implement, or a song?
- 5 Who said: "Almost everything that is great has been done by youth?"
- 6 What is the origin of the word Goodbye?
- 7 Which is the world's largest lake?
- 8 Which is the Evening Star?

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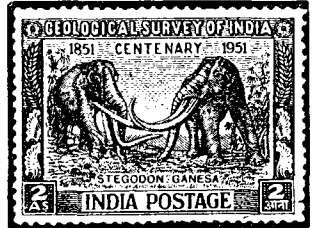
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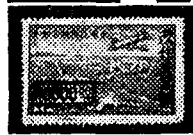
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THE Diamond Sculls, the London Cup, and the Wingfield Sculls—that is the achievement of Tony Fox, 22-year-old Cambridge University medical student. He is the first to win the Oarsmen's Triple Crown since Jack Beresford, in 1926. Tony Fox is self-taught and cares nothing for the so-called orthodox style. He is a natural oarsman and one of our brightest prospects for the 1952 Olympics.

LEAMON KING may become world sprint champion. This 15-year-old Negro boy from Delano, California, has been recording amazing times in the 100 and 220 yards events. He ran the "100" in 9.7 seconds when he was only 14.

CONGRATULATIONS to 15-year-old Ann Long, the Ilford school-girl who recently won the one-metre and three-metres spring-board National diving championships. Unfortunately, she lost the highboard title, which she won last year, but next summer she is determined to win the triple crown of English diving.

DONALD BLAND, 20-year-old Durham swimmer, has won the English one-mile championship for the third year in succession, a brilliant hat-trick. Don, who this summer also took the half-mile title, is an engineering apprentice from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, and attends technical college three or four evenings a week.

FRED JAKEMAN of Northants recently completed an "innings" of 558 runs! In four matches he scored 80, 258, 176, and 44 before he was out.

GALLANT THIRD OF MILBOURNE

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shelf. And won't the Old Boy be grateful for our testimonial!"

Pettifer said: "You're an ass, Sprottle."

"Thank you!" sneered Sprottle.

"When I said that we must give him a testimonial, I meant that we must dub up and buy him a present. A little token of our esteem, we shall call it. That's the proper thing to say when we ask him to accept it."

"Oh, is it?" said Jellicombe.

"Yes, always," said Pettifer.

"But plenty of other chaps will be doing the same perhaps."

"They can do what they like," replied Pettifer. "But the Third Form is to give him its own testimonial."

"Oh, is it!" squeaked Sprottle.

They silenced him, and then Balmforth made his voice heard.

"But whatever are we going to give him?" he asked.

"I vote we give him a jolly old silver cup—"

"Or a plated one," put in Wheat Minor, never a spendthrift.

A DUSKY-SKINNED football team accustomed to playing in bare feet are now in this country. Representing the United Gold Coast Amateur F.A., they begin their tour in Ireland this weekend and later will meet several of the finest Welsh and English amateur clubs. This is the first time a Gold Coast team has visited us.

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THRILLS and spills will be the order of the day on Saturday when most of the world's greatest motor-cycle aces will contest the Ulster Grand Prix. Geoff Duke, winner of the Senior and Junior T.T. races in the Isle of Man earlier this year, may well repeat his Ulster victory of last year when he did a record lap of 101.77 m.p.h.

NEIL MCCORKELL, who has been keeping wicket for Hampshire for nearly 20 years, and has dismissed nearly 800 batsmen, is shortly sailing for South Africa. He is to become coach to the Parktown High School at Johannesburg.

A NEW record in first-class tournament golf in this country was recently set up by 21-year-old Peter Thomson, of Australia, who completed the Oakdale course at Harrogate in 62 strokes. Peter, who is making his first visit to this country, gave up his job as industrial chemist to concentrate on a five-year golf plan.

THERE was no barracking for slow batting when the Metropolitan Police team met a Nalco XI at Chigwell recently. In six hours' play the two teams scored 622 runs.

"No," Pettifer repeated, "a real silver cup."

Just so; but a real silver cup with his name engraved on it properly and all the rest, the school crest, for example, would cost them more than ever they could rake up. "And not only that," said Maxton, after a moment, "I don't think the old Bird would like it."

"And why ever not?" they exclaimed.

"Because I think he'd hate us spending our money on him. We should get it from our people, you say. I know that. But all the same I don't believe he would like it. Anyhow," Maxton concluded, "that's what I feel."

Then how could they show him what a lot they would miss him?

In this disappointed instant, they all looked at Pettifer. If he couldn't find a solution, nobody could. And suddenly his troubled eyes began sparkling with joy.

"I've got it!" he cried out. "I've got it!"

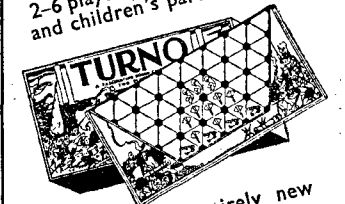
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Parliament—the Speaker, Black Rod, the Serjeant-at-Arms, and the Lord Great Chamberlain—their historical background, dress and symbols of office, and the reporting of Parliamentary proceedings are shown by means of models, pictures, historic documents, and even dioramas.

Moreover, the Stationery Office has published a 24-page illustrated booklet, which, though not a direct guide to the exhibition, tells the story of Parliament in the same sequence. This publication will be welcomed not only by visitors to the exhibition, but by all who are interested in the history, traditions, and procedure of the Mother of Parliaments.

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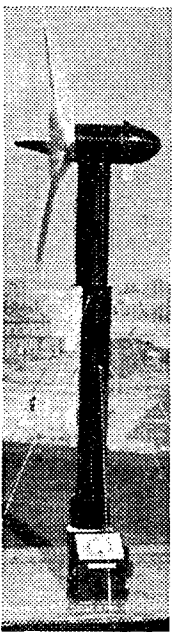


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The wind has been harnessed for many years by farmers to work pumps for raising water from wells, and also for driving small dynamos to provide electric light. With the usual type of wind-driven dynamo the amount of current generated is limited, but engineers have now devised a system which will give much larger quantities of electricity.

In this design (a large-scale model of which is shown in our photograph) a new principle is involved. In the older type of machine that part of the dynamo which rotates, the armature, is secured to the large windmill propeller, and, therefore, can never travel at any higher speed than that of the propeller itself.

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YOUNG QUIZ—Answers

- 1 Canoeing.
- 2 Among the Tonga Islands Niuafoou is its real name.
- 3 A type of desert lizard.
- 4 A young hare.
- 5 Disraeli.
- 6 It is a contraction of God be with you, once written God b'w'y'.
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QUITE SIMPLE

THE office boy could not quite catch the name of the person on the other end of the telephone.

"This is Mr. 'Arrison," said the other wearily. "Haitch, hay, two hars, a hi, a hess, a ho, and a hen—Arrison."

Guess where

MY first is in cove but not in bay,

My second's in foam but not in spray.

My third's in barnacle, not in shell.

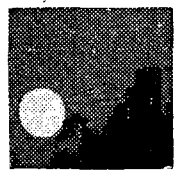
My fourth is in buoy, but not in bell.

My fifth is in boat but not in oar,
My whole is a place we all adore.

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus and Saturn are low in the west, and Jupiter



is low in the east. In the morning Jupiter is in the south. The picture shows the Moon at 9.30 on Friday

evening, August 17.

August thirds

By fitting together the proper "thirds" from those below you can make the names of an Egyptian queen, a nature writer, a 19th-century Prime Minister, a French scientist, an English industrial inventor, and an English astronomer. All of them have anniversaries this month.

ARK	MST	IER
CLE	ISB	IES
FLA	WRI	URY
JEF	OIS	TRA
SAL	OPA	EED
LAV	FER	GHT

Answer next week

CRACKERS

CRIED a cautious old fellow named Whisket:

"I fancy fried chicken and biscuit.

Acute indigestion

Gives cause for reflection,

But hunger dictates that I risk it."

CHAIN QUIZ

Can you find answers for the following clues? The words are linked, the last two letters of one being the first two of the next.

1. English novelist (1825-1900); his best book, still widely read, deals largely with a robber tribe which terrorised people of Exmoor for centuries.

2. Capital of Saskatchewan, an attractive city in the heart of the Canadian cornlands; headquarters of the Royal Canadian (formerly "North-West") Mounted Police.

3. Best-known of English "dandies" (1674-1762); spent most of his life at Bath, where he earned the nickname "Beau."

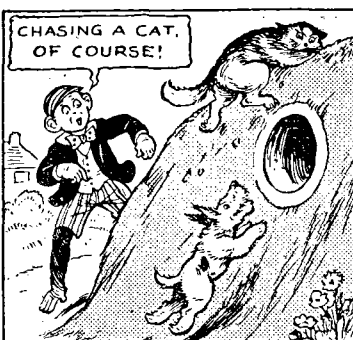
4. London coach-builder (1797-1866); in 1829 introduced the bus to London.

Answer next week

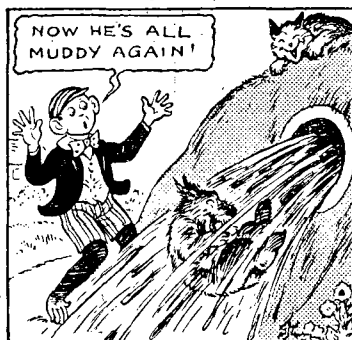
BOUNCER GETS CLEAN AWAY FROM JACKO



Jacko felt very proud of his work, for Bouncer was almost shining.



Off they went for a walk; all went well until Bouncer saw his old enemy.



Then Bouncer got a second bath—and was definitely in need of a third!

Infectious

JOHNNY, who had just returned from a holiday abroad with his schoolmates, was telling his mother of some of the ancient monuments he had seen.

"Some of them were absolutely covered with hieroglyphics," he said.

"Oh dear," exclaimed Mother worriedly, "I do hope none of them got onto you—they may be infectious."

RODDY



"Look! Perhaps they would have us—our hands are not very long!"

Queer spelling

THERE once was a handsome young Fawn,

Who pranced on the day he was bawn.

He was soon in disgrace—

And the smile left his face,

For he'd stamped on his grand-papa's cawn.

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

GRACEFUL GULLS. Overhead the gulls wheeled in never-ending circles. Occasionally one would dive straight down into the water below, vanishing beneath the waves.

"I wonder what they are?" said Don, as he and Ann watched the graceful birds.

"Aren't they seagulls?" asked Ann in surprise.

"Of course, but there are various species," replied her brother.

"They were about 16 inches long, and their cries sounded like kit kit or kittiwake," Don later told Farmer Gray.

"They were kittiwakes, then," replied the farmer. "These gulls are about the same size as black-headed gulls, but whereas black-headed gulls have red bills and legs, kittiwakes' legs are nearly black and their bills are greenish-yellow. They also lack the dark cap."

RIDDLE-MY-NAME

MY first's in biscuit, not in crust,
My next in gale, but not in gust;

My third's in schooner and in barque;

My fourth's in salmon, not in shark;

My fifth's in yacht, but not in ketch;

My sixth is in both furl and stretch;

My last's in mend, but not in splice—

A rescuer mid snow and ice?

Answer next week

EVERYBODY LAUGHED

THE teacher had explained to his class the difference between corporal punishment and capital punishment.

"Now if I were flogged," he asked, "what would that be?"

"Corporal punishment," cried the class.

"And what kind would it be if I were beheaded?"

"Oh, capital!"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle-my-name

Constance

Riddle-in-Rhyme

Cricket

Chain Quiz

Grace, Cellini,

Niagara, Raleigh

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S	I	R	I	N	G		
P	L	A	I	N	E	R	I
S	T	Y	N	E			

BEDTIME CORNER

Cricket in the park

HARRY had no doubts about what he was going to be when he grew up. A cricketer, of course!

Each day after school he used to dash off to the park to play until teatime. But when the holidays came most of his friends went to the seaside, and the older boys would not let him play with them.

One day he was walking away sadly when a voice said: "Won't they let you play, old chap?"

Harry turned. It was Alan Pointer, the famous bowler! He was on his way to play at the county ground nearby.

"Never mind," said Alan.

Two little donkeys

ON the golden sands of Holiday Bay,

Are two little donkeys of brown and grey.

And I find it awfully hard to decide

On which of the pair I shall take my ride.

Bobby's the brown one, and he gallops fast.

But Smoke simply walks, he is always last.

When mounted on Bobby, I'm filled with pride,

But Smoke, you see, gives a much longer ride.

A PRAYER

God grant me grace my prayers to say:

O God! preserve my mother dear

In strength and health for many a year;

And O! preserve my father too,

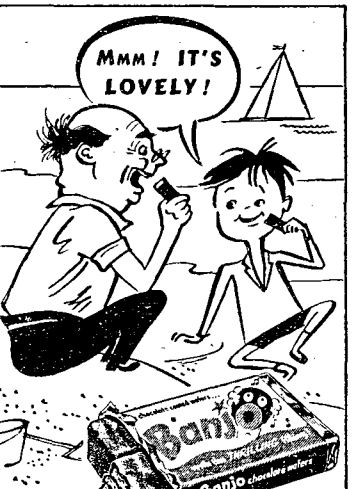
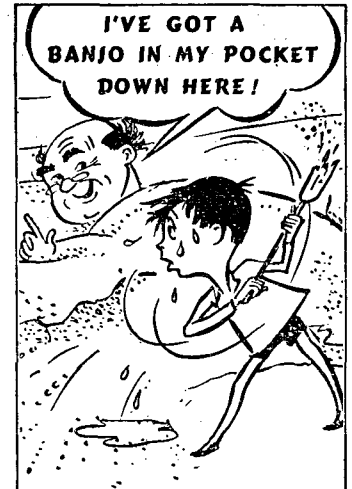
And may I pay him reverent due;

And may I my best thoughts employ

To be my parents' hope and joy.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Wily Willie



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